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See below for key updates from today's call.

- Due to HUD funding being pulled, Tribe is still at a standstill on moving any work forward under Buchanan and Associates contract to spend down federal grant dollars until they can locate additional funds. This directly affects/delays work Tribe was doing to comply with both the SDWA Emergency Order and Admin Order on Consent.
- IHS's leak detection report should be in this week. Preliminary finding show leaks are predominantly from home service lines. Utility plans to send notice letters that homeowners need to fix or, under tribal ordinance, have their water access shut down. Utility though unclear if such actions would be supported by Council.
- Travis asked about timing on EPA's response to their letter – specifically the extension request. I said it was being drafted and EPA would respond soon. He did note that Tribe has already received approval letter form BIA, but not other federal funders yet.



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See below for high level summary of this week's Warm Springs (WS) drinking water check-in. Lots of updates in the past week to report out on.

- WS were notified last week that **HUD would not be providing them with the previously anticipated \$450K** Imminent Threat Grant monies intended to pay part of the PRV/Flow Control Emergency repair work. The Local HUD administrator stated that they would not be providing the grants monies as their head office saw the work as deferred maintenance not meeting the Imminent Threat money requirements. However, HUD indicated that the WS may be able to secure part of the requested funds to cover the work already carried out for the repair of the Shitike Creek crossing.
- PDG/B&A, tribal contractor put in charge of contracting federal grant money currently held by tribe and writing the engineering assessment required by EPA Emergency Order, were **told by WS to stop work on the EPA Order Compliance Project** until such time as the WS could review their financial situation due to the above. WS are looking for additional funding options to cover tribal monies already spent, which they thought would be reimbursed by HUD.
- However, **WS still plans on sending a letter** (initial draft attached) put together by B&A that includes a methodology for spending this money with an anticipated timeline. This letter includes an extension request for the engineering assessment based on that timeline, **moving the date from Nov 15 to June 30, 2020**. The WS plans to send this letter to EPA by this Friday, Nov 15.
- Due to the above, WS looking for any funding sources. Travis, utility director, specifically **asked about Wenona's project money** on building community understanding of water metering. I told him I knew it was underway but didn't have the latest.
- The leak detection survey was completed by IHS this week, the report should be into the WS by end of Nov. This report will be included as part of their engineering assessment related to the distribution system.
- WS provided evidence that old concrete vault was cut away from distribution system, one of the requirements under the 1414 Order.
- WS **anticipate issuing a partial, preemptive BWN for two days in mid-December** due to a final PRV repair related to flange adaptor issue. WS will coordinate with EPA on needed monitoring before lifting BWN.
- Additional total coliform sampling site was approved by IHS TUC and updated in their required TC sampling plan.

Let me know if you have any questions.



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All, due to some changes of work flow and travel, I haven't gotten a key updates out to this group for some time. But a lot has been happening. See below as a catch up. I'll get back to a weekly write up for you. Let me know if you need anything more.

- On 10/23/19 distribution system work by on contractor led to a loss of pressure event. WS Tribe issued a precautionary boil water notice in response. They also contacted EPA within 24 hrs to inform/ confer. After pressure reducing valve (PRV) and associated connections completed, WS Tribe turned water back on and ran two sets of bacti/ e.coli samples, which were sent to EPA. After review, EPA sent an email on 10/31 confirming our assessment that the Tribe could now lift the BWN. Note, this was the last of the Phase 1 PRV priority work. Start date for Phase 2 not yet set.
- On 9/30/19, the Tribe submitted a request letter for EPA to extend the terms of the Order on Consent until June 2020. EPA has not yet provided a written response but will do so in some form in the near future.
- Around 10/1/19, the Tribe has entered into a contract with a third party (Buchanan and Associates) to oversee spending down current federal funds allocated to the tribe, some \$911K, due to lack of tribal capacity to do so. EPA and IHS partook in initial meetings on how to prioritize projects to spend these grants. Tribal reps recently voted for a process by which the major plant functions are organized into nine projects, and each project will be put out for a bid that includes a current condition analysis before moving to the design/ build phase. Buchanan and Associates will then collect these condition assessment and package together to provide EPA the complete engineering analysis of the water plant required under the Emergency Order. The Tribe has a draft letter (attached to this email) that will come to each funding agency, including EPA, requesting their approval with this plan.
- On 10/21/19, EPA R10 (Baron) was present while WS utility (Travis Wells) briefed WS Tribal Council on compliance with SDWA orders. Most of the briefing involved explaining the process described above with some follow up questions. Baron also informed the WS Tribal Council that the frequency of EPA in-person visits would decrease during this contracting/ procurement phase, and Baron would not likely be there again until construction began in the Spring.
- On 10/11/19, Alyssa Macy left her position with the Tribe as a the Chief Operations Officer. To date, that position has not be filled.



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Also below are the previous week's notes for reference (which was a couple weeks back to Baron travel).

Call Notes – September 18, 2019:

High level messages:

The lack of in place contracts will likely cause the Tribe to be out of compliance with major requirements of both the Emergency Order and Order on Consent including the 120 day engineering assessment and correction of remaining significant deficiencies due by Oct 1. Similar lack of contracting also means the Tribe has no specific schedule to finish phase two of the pressure relieve valve (PRV) installation project – four PRVs remain to be installed. Although the Tribe has grant money from federal partners, the Tribe lacks the capacity currently to enter into contracts to spend that money on projects including complying with both EPA Orders.

Baron is working with the Tribe to secure a letter asking for extensions of these key requirements under the Order before the Tribe is actually out of compliance with the Orders.

The next tribal funding summit is scheduled next Tuesday, September 24th, with several high-level officials from multiple state and federal agencies participating in person.

Baron will brief the Tribal Council on the following Wednesday, September 25th. Talking points will include outcomes from the funding summit and discussion of the current lack of contracting causing the Tribe to likely miss requirements under the Order.

Detailed Call Notes – September 18, 2019:

1. Distribution system
 - Status of emergency distribution system repairs and project for restoring service - contracts not completed for phase II, parts were just ordered. 3 or 4 weeks before the works is actually done. Contracts approved yesterday. PDG just completed order for parts. BIA money still waiting for contract management from PDG, waiting for 160K. Until that is in place, HUD/ BIA money still sitting there. Unknown on project timeline. Going through the process on asking for extensions to grants.
 - Did have a conversation about projects getting done with Alyssa, but no info on request for extension. Travis went to Michelle Stacona directly. Underscored the need for a letter requesting extension. Travis feels like he won't have dates/ timelines until he talks to PDG when they are under contract.
 - 120 assessment not going to get done either because not under contract.
 - Any updates on monitoring/ sampling – IHSs, Ladd to come out October 2nd to verify new RTRC sites, also doing planning for leak detection system in distribution system. IHSs has money set aside for this project - vendor Century West.
 - Any updates on alt. water provisions – Alyssa submitted final emergency plan and waiting for review/ signature from Baron.
 - Status of contracts to meet repairs required to storage tanks in compliance order, due Oct 1 - See above
2. Plant operations - after actions taken by adding a SOP for inhouse turbidity event. Also SOP for chlorination system - how to trouble shoot and contract for annual maintenance and extra parts. SOP on how to shut down and start up plant. SOP on how to grab data off of turbidimeters - CMS etc.
 1. Steve Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Ronnie to take lead, adding another utility distribution to cover until Steve's replacement is on line. Part of reason for new SOPs. Does not have operator 1 yet. **Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)**
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 - Briefing on 25th wasn't on Travis's calendar yet. Now added. Looking at options to meet with Travis/ Chico/ Operators after briefing. No new equipment to look at – perhaps review SOPs.

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Next funders meeting not yet scheduled.

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 - Not yet done. Travis talked to Alyssa, it's on her stack to work with Dan but is pushed back by other priorities.
4. Status of contracts to meet repairs required to storage tanks in compliance order, due Oct 1
 - Chico met with contractor today and went through CAP page by page. Contractor will start ordering parts by Aug 1st deadline. Contractor will provide weekly progress reports based on CAP numbering, which Chico can then share with EPA.
5. Plant operations
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6. Other
 - Tribal council requested budget exercise of cutting managers, would be Travis for utilities
 - Alyssa requested exercise of giving council numbers on adequate staffing for DW and Waste water side. Will be provided to Tribal Council.
 - Baron to brief Tribal Council again on Aug 12th – will only be me since things are generally tracking well
 - Funders second meeting on Aug 6th – Baron won't be there
 - RCAC will do distribution system training for operators on residuals, water age, and calculations involved – scheduled for Aug 13 to Aug 15
 - Baron laid out idea of EPA funded training done by PDG after engineering assessment recommendation are implemented by tribe – new equipment and SOPs, etc. Asked if they saw any flaws. Said it would be welcome, it would just be about timing up with new equipment install.
 - Baron will be doing a compliance inspection along with October monthly briefing to verify compliance with 1414, includes taking pictures of all fixes as evidence of compliance with order.



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 - Priority vault set, George street and Catholic street first, then Greely and West Hills(?). PGE price is in and within budget established of 450 K. Plan is to remove golden anderson valves and go to clayton. Gelco will install. PGE purchasing components. Class of flange change for higher PSI rating – inside vault for exit/entry, connect to spools that then connect to clay valves. Availability of parts moves start date to July 29, planned for 3 days work. Gelco will pre assemble components off site, then deliver to site, gut vaults down to entry and exit lines, then drop in all components. Vaults will still have high flow and low flow lines, low flows as by pass. Gelco has crew of 6, 2 person each vault with one crew focused on removing lid/ prep, then another removing components, then another install. SE and Kah-Ne-Ta vault still left, will cost about 250 K. Still considering how to bring on line as quickly as possible - shock chlorine of lines after install? Maybe can be done before hand to reduce time, maybe just flushing to bacti testing. Bacti results would start coming back in first week of August. Anything else required before BWN? EPA to make clear what data is needed beforehand by check in call on 31st.
 - Any updates on monitoring/ sampling
 - see above
 - Any updates on alt. water provisions – emergency POCs updated?
 - Tribe has not submitted anything to EPA yet. Dan Martinez – Alyssa – Travis will ask for status.
 - Status of contracts to meet repairs required to storage tanks in compliance order, due Oct 1.
 - No updates right now b/c Chico focused on valve replacement. Need to start process quickly after water is on or risk missing deadline.
2. Plant operations
 - Shift log conversation and getting coagulation SOP in place
 - EPA trying to set up training, probably to come from IHS.
 - Training operators on event response requirements in emergency order
 - reviewed with them on-site last week and operators showed evidence that they were keeping up with data requirements.
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 - TBD – see above



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